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- 1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR FEDOTOV CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR JAN 29 THAT RUSSIAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION HAD QUIETLY DEPARTED KHARTOUM SEVERAL DAYS AGO. ACCORDING FEDOTOV, USSR HAD DECIDED "SUSPEND" DISCUSSIONS, SINCE SUDANESE HAD PROPOSED TREATING RUSSIAN EXPERTS ON SAME FINANCIAL BASIS AS CHINESE. EXPRESSING REVULSION AS PROSPECT, FEDOTOV DECLARED EMPHATICALLY "WE ARE NOT CHINESE, WE ARE RUSSIAN".
- 2. COMMENT. FEDOTOV APPARENTLY WAS REFFERING TO GOS PRACTICE OF FOOTING BILL LOCAL CURRENCY COSTS SOVIET EXPERTS. PRESUMABLY GOS WISHED LIMIT ITS PAYMENTS IN FUTURE TO MODEST AMOUNT INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING AUSTERE CHINESE AID TEAMS. GOS MAY WELL HAVE HAD TOUNGE IN CHEEK IN SUCH APPROACH. EVER SINCE BREAK WITH COMMUNISTS IN 1971, NIMEIRI REGIME HAS BEEN HESITANT RENEW CLOSE AID RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. THIS ATTITUDE PRESUMABLY WAS INTENSIFIED IN RECENT WEEKS AS IT BECAME CLEAR GOS WOULD RECEIVED MASSIVE SAUDI FINANCIAL SUPPORT ANNOUNCED BY NIMEIRI CONFIDENTIAL

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JANUARY 25. GOS MAY ACCORDINGLY HAVE POSED CONDITIONS SUDANESE

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